

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

**THE HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE MR.K.S.RADHAKRISHNAN
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.N.KRISHNAN**

THURSDAY, THE 12TH APRIL 2007 / 22ND CHAITHRA 1929

WP(C).No. 8436 of 2007(S)

PETITIONER:

**RAJESH KUMAR M.G.,
S/O. N.GOPALAPANICKER, MUNJANATTU MATHILBHAGOM,
THIRUVALLA.**

**BY ADV. SRI.SAJITH KUMAR V.
SMT.G.R.LEKSHMI**

RESPONDENTS:

- 1. SPECIAL COMMISSIONER, (THE SECRETARY TO
THE GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEVASWOM,
TRIVANDRUM.)**
- 2. THE DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER,
TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD, TRIVANDRUM.**
- 3. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
DEVASWOM GROUP, THIRUVALLA.**

**BY ADV. SRI.K.N.VENUGOPALA PANICKER, SC, TDB
BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. M.R. SABU**

**THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION
ON 12/04/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:**

K.S. RADHAKRISHNAN, AG.C.J. & M.N. KRISHNAN,J.

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Dated this the 12th day of April, 2007.

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Radhakrishnan, Ag.C.J.

Learned counsel appearing for the Board submitted that the Board has already issued Circular to all the Deputy Commissioners to remove all hoardings containing commercial advertisements fixed inside the compound wall of Temples. Learned counsel further submitted that hoardings fixed inside the temple premises have already been removed. The submission is recorded and the writ petition is disposed of.

**K.S. RADHAKRISHNAN,
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE.**

M.N. KRISHNAN, JUDGE.

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Dated this the 13th day of March, 2007.

ORDER

Radhakrishnan,(Ag.C.J.)

Heard counsel on either side.

2. This is a public interest litigation filed by the petitioner seeking a direction to the respondents not to permit fixing of hoardings/flex boards with commercial advertisements inside the compound wall/premises of the temple and also for other consequential reliefs. For example, he has produced Ext.P1 photograph of the flex hoard which is displayed inside the compound wall of Sree Vallabha Maha temple, Thiruvalla. We are of the view that putting of such hoardings inside the compound wall of Temple would affect the serenity of the temple and also it would wound the religious sentiments of the devotees. In such circumstances, we are inclined to give a direction to the Devaswom Board to take steps to remove these hoardings from the temple

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premises and put them outside the compound wall of Sree Vallabha Maha Temple. A further direction is also given to the Board not to give permission to put any type of hoardings inside the compound wall or premises of any other respective temples.

Post after two weeks.

**K.S. RADHAKRISHNAN,
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE.**

M.N. KRISHNAN, JUDGE.

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